



**JAMES** by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. To all and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deanes and their Officials, Parsons, Vicars, Curats, and to all Spiritual Parsons. And also to all Justices of Peace, Mayors, Sherriffes, Bailiffes, Constables, Churchwardens, and Headboroughes, And to all other our Officers, Ministers and Subiects whatsoever, as well within Liberties as without, to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Wee have understood by a License granted by our brother the French King, to Master Iohn Triphon the bearer hereof being a Grecian borne, of a Noble house, that for Religion hee, his Mother and Sisters, have bene banished and driven out of their Countrey by the Great Turke, and that his Mother and Sisters are fled to the Island of Creete, whereby both himselfe, and they, are fallen into great want and misery, remayning thus cutted from their Countrey, and are likely to fall into greater distresse, except they be relieved by the charitable Devotions of well disposed Christians towards their maintenance, and the payment of a great Ransome layed upon them. Nowe for that there is nothing more acceptable to Almighty God then the charitable comforting of distressed Christians, fallen into such calamities, especially for their profession of Christianitie. Wee tendering the poore and lamentable Estate of the said Iohn Triphon, his Mother and Sisters, of our especiall Grace and Princely compassion, have given and granted, And by these our Letters Patents doe give and grant unto the said Master Iohn Triphon or his Deputie the bearer hereof, full power, license and authoritie to aske, gather, receive and take the Almes, and charitable deuotion of all our loving Subiects, inhabiting within our Countiees of Middlesex, with our Cities of London and Westminster, with the Suburbs thereof, Kent, Essex, Dartford, Surrey, Sussex, Buckingham, Barke, Cambridge, with the Universitie there, Suffolke and Norfolk, with the City of Norwich, and in all Cities, Townes corporate, privileged places, Parishes, Villages, and all other places whatsoever, within any of our said Countiees and Cities, and not elsewhere, for, and towards the maintenance of himselfe, his Mother and Sisters, and the payment of their said Ransome. Wherefore we will and command you, and every of you, that at such time and times as the said Master Iohn Triphon or his Deputie the bearer hereof, shall come and repaire to your Churches or other places to aske, gather, receive and take the gratuities and charitable Devotion of our sayd Subiects, quietly to permit and suffer him and his Deputie so to doe, without any manner your let or contradiction: And you the said Parsons, Vicars and Curats, for the better stirring up of a charitable deuotion, deliberately to publish and declare the Tenor of these our Letters Patents unto our said Subiects, exhorting and charitably perswading them to extend their liberall Contributions in so good and charitable a deed. The late Statute made in the five and thirtieth yere of the Reigne of our late deare Sister Queene Elizabeth for the punishment of Vagabonds and Rogues, or any other Statute, Law, Ordinance, or provision heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In witnesse whereof wee haue caused these our Letters to be made Patents for the space of one whole yere next after the date hereof to endure. Witnesse our selfe at Westminster the five and twentieth day of December, in the first yere of our Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the seven and thirtieth.



God saue the King.